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reports LR 25 and LR 74 back to the Legislature for its further consideration. And explanation of vote from Senator Robak. (Re. LB 471, LB 27, LB 187, LB 187A, LB 236, LB 306, LB 443, LB 561, LB 631, LB 789, and LB 53.) That's all that I have, Madam President. (See pages 1603-04 of the Legislative Journal.)

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. We'll now proceed with LB 757.

CLERK: LB 757 introduced by Senators Landis, Abboud, Coordsen, and Withem. (Read title.) The bill was introduced on January 21 of this year, Madam President. It was referred to the Business and Labor Committee for public hearing. The bill was advanced to General File. I do have committee amendments pending by Business and Labor. (See AM1004 on page 1192 of the Legislative Journal.)

PRESIDENT MOUL: Senator Coordsen. I am sorry, Senator Abboud.

SENATOR ABBOD: Madam President, members of the Legislature, LB 757 is a rather comprehensive bill that deals with a change in our workers' compensation laws. The committee advanced the bill out of committee on a 6 to 1 vote. Committee amendments were adopted. The committee amendment was brought to us, I believe, by Senator Schimek and the Lincoln Chamber. The committee amendment requires that the Departments of Labor and Insurance, at the direction of the Governor, and commencing January 1st, 1997, to conduct a cost-benefit analysis of the changes that are a part of the bill, as well as its effect on insurance premiums. The report then is to be made available to the Nebraska Legislature. The bill, itself, is a comprehensive change to our workers' compensation laws. It provides for a twelve-part change in the workers' compensation law. I will give a quick summary of what the bill provides for. On...the first section deals with the new requirements in the areas of physician choice to an injured worker, and the selection process involved with the injured worker in his selection of the physician. This is commonly referred to as managed care. That is in page 6 of the section of the bill, the green copy. The second section deals with the, again an addition on to the managed care section, and that is pages 10 through 14. The third section provides for a maximum weekly benefit amount to be established each year as a part of the percentage of the state's average weekly wage. If you will notice, the next section is on